

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
February 7, 2014

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the department's offices, Lincoln, Nebraska. Commissioner Terri Wachter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Doug Vap, Diana Smith and Dorothy Anderson were in attendance. Also present were Project Management Division Manager Russ Gasper, Deputy Director Andre Aman, Planning/Programming Division Manager Anna Lannin, and Director Ronnie Mitchell.

Public Comment

NONE

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Vap to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2013 meeting as published. Second by Commissioner Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Funds Available

A written report of state funds available was presented by Andre Aman.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available November 30, 2013	\$88,652.79
Commission Actions (12/06/13 meeting)	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Other Actions	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
Funds available December 31, 2013	\$88,652.79

Funds available February 2013: \$7,394.76

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$0.00

Commission Actions (12/06/13 meeting)

None

Funds available December 31, 2013 \$0.00

Funds available February 2013: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$179,843.18

Commission Actions (12/06/13 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available December 31, 2013 \$179,843.18

Funds available February 2013: \$129,843.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$579,301.25

Commission Actions (12/06/13 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

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Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

December 2013 \$26,494.00

January 2014

Subtotal \$26,494.00

Funds available December 31, 2013 \$605,795.25

Funds available February 2013: \$487,870.25

Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$145,493.09

Commission Actions (12/06/13 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

Receipts

December 2013 \$2,393.33

January 2014

Subtotal \$2,393.33

Funds available December 31, 2013 \$147,886.42

Funds available February 2013: \$135,282.68

Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available November 30, 2013 \$2,123.75

Funds Disbursed

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Funds available December 31, 2013

\$2,123.75

Motion by Commissioner Vap to accept the report of State Funds as published. Second by Commissioner Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Grand Island - Airport Update Presentation

Mike Olson, Executive Director Central Nebraska Regional Airport, provided an overview of activities at the airport. Specific areas discussed included: plans for new terminal building, commercial service aircraft operations, and results of an economic impact study.

Federal Projects

Anna Lannin presented the following projects. The airport sponsors are requesting Commission approval for the CIP data sheets to be forwarded to the FAA, as required by state statutes. The FAA considers the requests for future federal funding as funds become available. No state funds are requested at this time.

Crete B-02

Scope: Remove and Replace Hangar B

Total Estimated Cost: \$870,000

The existing hangar is in poor condition and is in need of replacement. The adjacent taxiway and grass areas for the hangar have drainage problems and will need to be repaved and regraded along with the new hangar construction.

Kearney R-06

Scope: Preliminary Design for Runway 13/31 Shift & Runway 18/36 Reconstruction

Total Estimated Cost: \$60,000

Due to an airfield hot spot identified by the FAA RSAT Team, a future project has been identified to extend the Runway 13 end 1,200' to the northwest and construct new connecting taxiways. This project will include preliminary design of a new full depth concrete pavement section for the runway extension and associated new taxiways.

The existing Runway 18/36 is at the end of its useful life and is in need of complete reconstruction. This project will include preliminary design of a new full depth concrete pavement section to replace the deteriorated Runway 18/36 pavement section.

Kearney M-06

Scope: Terminal Building Parking Lot Expansion

Total Estimated Cost: \$492,817

Due to current passenger automobile demands almost exceeding existing parking space capacity,

the terminal building auto parking lot will be expanded to the north to accommodate anticipated short-term growth.

Kearney M-07

Scope: Terminal Building & Operations Building Emergency Generators

Total Estimated Cost: \$769,000

The Terminal Building does not have an emergency back-up power supply. An emergency back-up generator would allow terminal building to continue operating in the event of power outage.

The Operations Building stores the snow removal equipment and does not have an emergency back-up power supply. An emergency back-up generator would allow the building doors to be opened for the snow removal equipment to get out during a power outage.

North Platte E-01

Scope: Acquire ARFF Vehicle & Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$750,000

New Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicle and equipment are needed to meet FAR Part 139 requirements.

North Platte B-02

Scope: Expand ARFF Building

Total Estimated Cost: \$430,000

A larger and taller bay is needed to house the new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicle, which is proposed for acquisition in the near future. The existing building will be expanded, to allow for the continued use of the existing office and showers.

Omaha

Scope: Reconstruct Terminal Ramp

Total Estimated Cost: \$49,369,500

Dave Roth was teleconferenced to explain the Terminal Ramp project.

The terminal ramp needs to be reconstructed to improve safety, upgrade the drainage to current standards and improve the ramp surface. The existing ramp was constructed without frost protection, underdrains, and was built in several phases. Over the years asphalt and concrete overlays have been provided to increase strength. The surface has deteriorated due to age and traffic and needs to be reconstructed to eliminate the potential for FOD. The condition of the existing drainage structures under and adjacent to the ramp have been deteriorating and several pipes and inlets have failed and been repaired over the past few years. This work is to bring the terminal ramp to current standards and upgrade the surface.

Pender M-04

Scope: Replace Perimeter Fence
Total Estimated Cost: \$135,000

The airport does not have a complete perimeter fence installed along the property line and parts of existing fence have fallen over and are in very poor condition. Perimeter fence will improve safety and security by keeping wildlife and unauthorized people and vehicles off of airport property.

Pender M-05

Scope: Replace Existing Fuel System
Total Estimated Cost: \$320,000

The existing fuel system is outdated and needs to be replaced. A new 10,000 gallon 100 LL fuel tank with a credit card system will be installed.

Plattsmouth B-03

Scope: Construct Hangar
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,252,500

The existing demand at the Plattsmouth Airport for hangars is high and their current units are all full with a waiting list. The existing ALP shows locations for future T-hangars and this project will construct a new 6 unit nested T-hangar and 2 corporate hangar structures. There is an existing graded, prepared pad on site for the new hangar. The pad will need to be extended by approximately 50' to allow for the slightly longer t-hangar unit.

York E-01

Scope: Snow Removal Equipment Including Tractor, Snow Blower, Blade & Broom
Total Estimated Cost: \$241,325

The airport needs reliable equipment to complete the airfield snow removal operations. New equipment is essential for timely removal of snow.

York B-02

Scope: SRE Building
Total Estimated Cost: \$290,000

The airport needs a building to house new snow removal equipment. The approximate proposed building location is shown on the ALP.

Motion by Commissioner Cook to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA.
Second by Commissioner Anderson. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Projects**Closed Projects
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<u>Airport</u>	<u>Original State Allocation</u>	<u>Increase in State Funds Required</u>	<u>Decrease in State Funds Required</u>
Cambridge 05 (Rehab apron & taxiway)	\$ 8,176.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Chadron 13 (Marking)	\$ 10,224.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Creighton 07 (Hangar [engineering])	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hartington 07 (Hangar)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ord 05/06 (Widen runway; reconstruct apron)	\$ 38,889.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 910.83
Seward 09 (SRE Bldg. – engr.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Seward 10 (SRE Bldg. – constr.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tecumseh 09 (Install AvGas)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 57,289.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 910.83

Net Decrease - \$910.83

Department Report

Ronnie Mitchell presented the following:

Our former Director, Stuart MacTaggart, was released from Select Hospital in Omaha on

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January 31 and is now at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln. Stu will stay at Madonna until the end of the month. Plans for discharge dates and living conditions after that are still up in the air, but they have said their goal is to get him to 50% self sufficiency.

Henry Ogradzinski, better known as Henry "O", president and CEO of NASAO passed away on January 22. Kim Stevens, a former NE Director of Aeronautics, will be acting president and CEO until a replacement is hired.

On the state legislative side, LB1016 was introduced by Senator Krist on January 22nd. LB1016 deals with the Department of Aeronautics purchasing a new aircraft which would be operated and hangared by the NE Emergency Management Agency pursuant to an agreement with the Dept of Aeronautics. Additionally, it directs we sell the 1982 Piper Cheyenne II XL aircraft but retain those funds for maintenance of the new aircraft. A Legislative Executive Board public hearing was held on January 31st. Senator Krist was the only testifier and he testified for the bill. The bill is still in committee.

LB845 is a bill for marking of Meteorological Evaluation Towers used to collect historical wind data. A public hearing is being held today in the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

LB666 is a bill for releasing this Department from giving the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) \$25,200 each year and the CAP receiving \$116,000 from the general fund to operate six aircraft. It has been assigned to the Appropriations Committee and the public hearing is scheduled for February 13th.

Essential Air Service by Great Lakes Airlines has deteriorated significantly since enactment of the 1500 hour rule for First Officers by the FAA. Flights to our EAS Part 139 airports, with the exception of Grand Island, have been running at 50-85% cancellation.

Aviation fuel tax revenue is running \$50,000 below last year's level but is on track to be a bit above the 4 year average of \$1,283,784. If projections hold up we should have \$1,392,557 which is \$42,000 above budget but \$35,000 below last year's income.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, May 2, 2014 at 1:00 pm CDT in the Lincoln office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ronnie Mitchell
Director